

4. The Director called Mrs. Edna Kelly in New York and attempted to explain why he felt he could not appear before her Subcommittee the following Tuesday. Mrs. Kelly pointed out that the Director had appeared before the Foreign Affairs Committee twice previously, and failed to understand why he couldn't do so again. The Director stated that any previous appearance had been on very special occasions, and then only after clearance with the National Security Council. Mrs. Kelly spoke of a legal requirement that the Director appear before the Committee, and I am to check that with the Committee staff. (Note: A memorandum on this subject was sent to the Director on 25 March). 22 Mar 57

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1. The Director informed Mrs. Kelly by telephone that he would have to check with the National Security Council before giving her an answer on her request that he appear before her Subcommittee. Later in the day the Director discussed this matter with the President, who advised that the problem be discussed with the Democratic leadership. General Persons is attempting to arrange an appointment with Senator Rayburn.